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City Council Renews Commitment to Safe, Inclusive Community

Following one of the most divisive general elections in our country's recent history, with news reports of incidents of hate and bias occurring in other cities, Eugene officials have heard from members of vulnerable communities who are frightened and concerned for their safety.

To make clear its continuing commitment to a safe, welcoming community, at its meeting tonight the Eugene City Council unanimously approved a resolution stating, in part:

- The City Council is committed to making Eugene a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for everyone.
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- The City Council is committed to standing together with the people of Eugene in opposing hate and bias activities and acts of intolerance committed against our neighbors.
- The City Council is committed to report incidents of hate and bias and will build upon partnerships with community organizations to track and respond to these incidents.

The full resolution can be found in the "Quick Links" section of the City of Eugene [website](#).

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Fire Department's Women's Fire Camp Video Receives a National Government Programming Award

A video production about the Eugene-Springfield *Women's Fire Camp* produced by Metro Government Television Channel 21 was awarded a First Place NATOA Community TV Programming award at NATOA's 2016 national conference in Austin, Texas. Channel 21 Program Manager, Neil Moyer, and Video Analyst, Keith Testerman, worked with Training Chief Matt Ennis in the Eugene-Springfield Fire Department on the video production. The 4-minute video can be viewed [here](#).



Public, Education, and Government (PEG) channels are provided in Eugene, Springfield, and Lane County under Comcast's cable TV public rights of ways use franchise managed by ISD's Telecommunications Program.

The video, created as a segment of the monthly "Working City" series produced by the City of Eugene, is an educational outreach tool to share City programs and services with residents.

For additional information, please contact Neil Moyer, Metro TV at 541-682-3799 or Pam Berrian, Telecommunications Program Manager, 541-682-5590.

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Library Volunteers Help Kids Learn to Read

Did you know that Oregon has an early literacy problem? According to the Oregon Chief Education Office, "Early literacy is one of the greatest predictors of lifelong success and yet nearly one third of Oregon third graders are not reading proficiently by third grade. Students reading above grade level in the third grade, are twice as likely to graduate high school and three times as likely to go on to college."



Eugene Public Library is addressing this problem in a variety of ways, including the volunteer-fueled program Storytime To Go. The Library trains volunteers to bring skill-building storytimes to local childcare settings, using kits that include books, interactive visual elements, songs, and more. These professionally-designed storytimes engage young children, encourage their love of reading, and boost their early literacy skills.

Currently, twelve Storytime To Go volunteers are making a difference in young lives throughout Eugene. And there are more childcare settings eager to receive this service. As new volunteers sign on, they are matched to childcares on the waiting list.

According to volunteer Kelly Terwilliger, "It's really a wonderful thing to be able to share the world of books, stories, and language in general with people who are just entering it." If you, or someone you know, might like to get volunteer with Storytime To Go, please contact Eugene Public Library Volunteer Coordinator [Amy Hartsfield](#) at 541-682-8335.

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Hate & Bias Incident Reporting and Response

The City of Eugene actively implements its Hate and Bias Response Plan, including responding to and tracking incidents, providing support to victims of incidents and producing an annual Hate and Bias report.

Although staff have seen no noticeable increase in recent days in reports directly to the City's Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement office or the Eugene Police Department, they have heard of local incidents from partner agencies.

The City of Eugene's [Office of Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement](#) (HRNI) encourages community members experiencing discrimination, hate or bias to report these incidents. According to the Department of Justice only 25-42% of all hate and bias crimes are reported. For more information, please contact the HRNI office at 541-682-5177.



File a report and access resources in Eugene with the Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement Office:

- **CALL** 541-682-5177
- **STOP BY** our office at 99 W 10th Ste 116
- **GO TO** Eugene-or.gov/ReportHate

If you are in immediate danger call 911.

You can also report incidents or crimes to the Police non-emergency line: 541-682-5111.



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Climate Projects Featured in Cities100 Publication

Cities100 is a publication that seeks to identify, analyze, and communicate the most ground-breaking solutions to climate change in cities today, helping cities both adapt to climate change and mitigate its effects. By presenting 100 city solutions, the Cities100 publication serves as a guide to policy makers and urban planners seeking to create resilient and productive urban environments required for a climate-safe future.

Solutions from 61 cities in five continents have been announced that show how local governments around the world are taking the necessary steps to mitigate and adapt to climate change, while at the same time creating valuable co-benefits for their economies, communities, and citizens' health. The City of Eugene has two featured projects in this publication: the [Love Food Not Waste program](#) and the [Climate and Hazards Vulnerability Assessment](#). More information can be found on the [Cities100 website](#). Contact Stephanie Scafa (541-682-5652) or Ethan Nelson (541-682-5245) for more information.



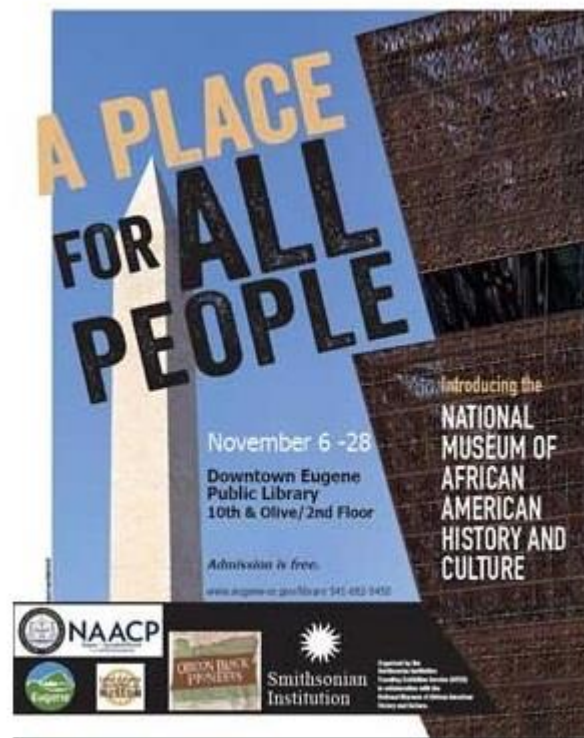
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"A Place for All People Exhibit Honors National Museum of African American History and Culture

The NAACP of Lane County, Oregon Black Pioneers, Lane County Historical Museum, and the City of Eugene are honored to present a commemorative poster exhibition, "A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture," on display at the Downtown Eugene Public Library from Sunday, November 6 through November 28. The exhibit can be viewed during all Library open hours in the Newspapers and Magazines Room on the 2nd floor of the Downtown Library. Admission is free.

"A Place for All People" celebrates the opening in September 2016 of the Smithsonian Institution's newest museum, the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. Organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) in collaboration with the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the professional poster display highlights key artifacts that tell the rich and diverse story of the African American experience. From the child-size shackles of a slave and the clothing worn by Carolotta Walls on her first day at Little Rock Central High



School to Chuck Berry's Gibson guitar, "Maybellene," and the track shoes worn by Olympian Carl Lewis, the exhibit presents a living history that reflects challenge, triumph, faith, and hope.

The journey to establish the museum began a century ago with a call for a national memorial to honor the contributions of African American Civil War veterans. After decades of efforts by private citizens, organizations and members of Congress, federal legislation was passed in 2003 to create the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Since then, thousands of artifacts have been collected to fill the inspiring new building that has risen on the National Mall.

Through its exhibitions and programs, the museum provides a shared lens to view the nation's history and the possibility for hope and healing. According to the Smithsonian Institution, "It is a place where all can gather to remember, reflect and embrace America's story: a place for all people." Click [here](#) to learn more about the museum.

For more information about the current exhibit, contact Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450.

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